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1. The ALWA Colophony and Turpentine Factory building, located south of Szczecbrzeszyn [5042N-2258E], was constructed in 1939. The factory suffered heavily from a major fire soon after construction. I do not know if it suffered war damage.

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2. [] the factory was guarded by the Voluntary Reserve Militia (Ochotnicza Rezerwa Milicja - ORM). These guards were dressed in dark blue uniforms.

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3. The factory was operating 24 hours a day, seven days a week, []. There were three eight-hour shifts daily - first shift 0600-1400, second shift 1400-2200, third shift 2200-0600. Two hundred of the approximately 600 employees worked on each shift. All employees were required to wear black protective clothing.

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Annexes:

- A. Overlay of GSGS No. 4416, Sheet S-17, Pinpointing Location of the Colophony and Turpentine Factory located south of Szczecbrzeszyn

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- B. [] Sketch of the ALWA Colophony and Turpentine Factory.

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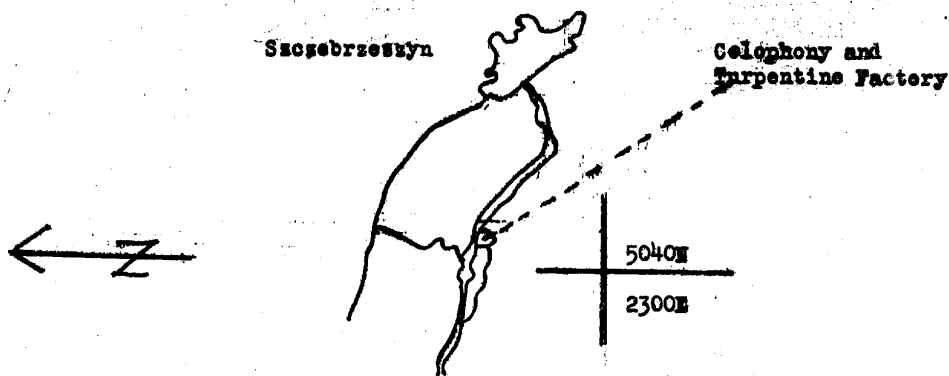
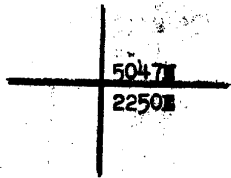
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ANNEX A

Overlay of GSGS 4416, Sheet S-17, pinpointing the ALWA Colophony and Turpentine Factory, located south of Szczepieszyn 5042N-2258E



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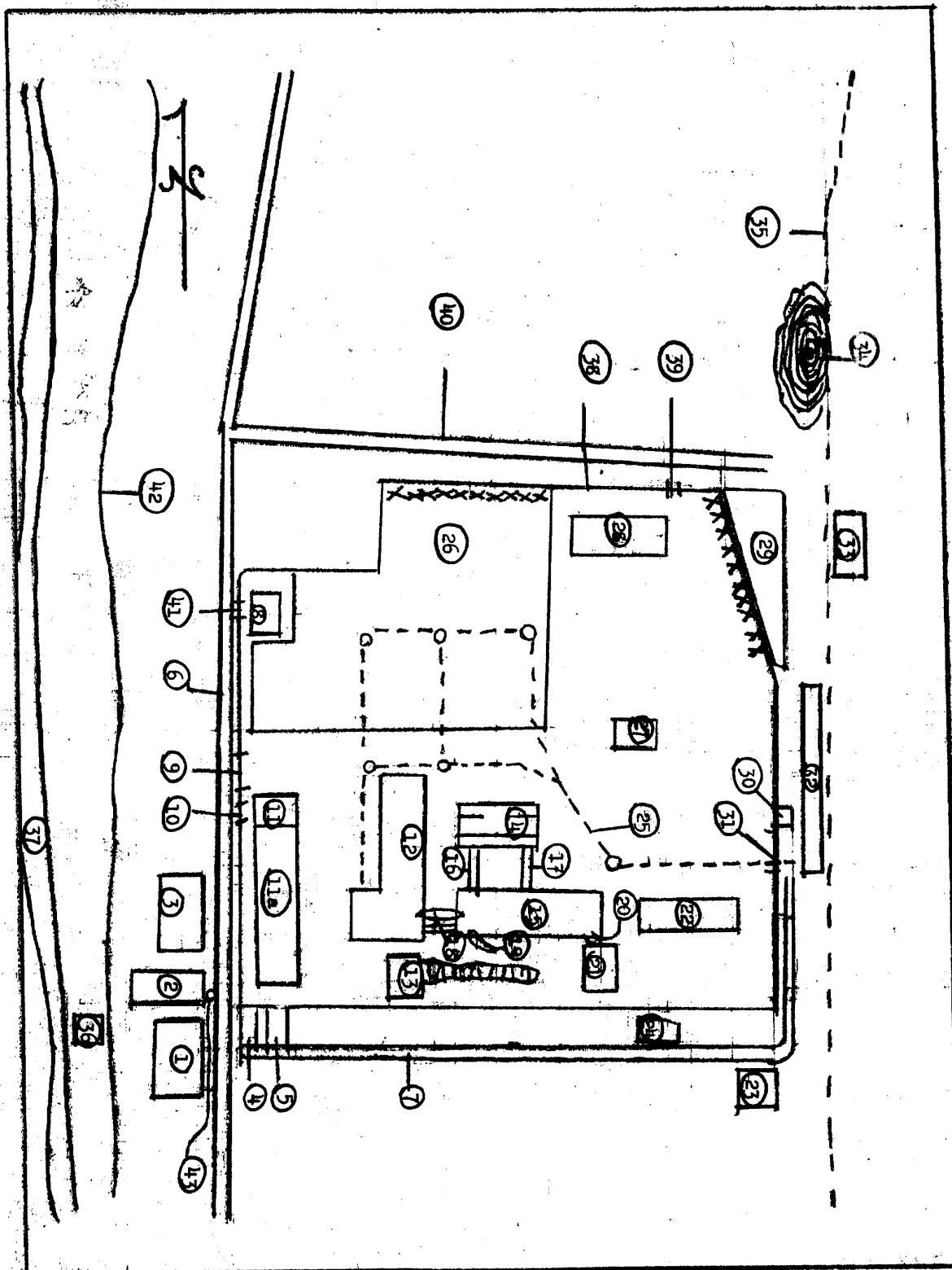
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Sketch of ALWA Colophony and Turpentine Factory, located south of Szczepieszyn 5042N-2258E



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ANNEX E: B (CONT'D)

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1. Building: two-story, brick, 12 by 8 m., tin covered shed roof. This building was occupied by factory foreman, his family, and one other family.
2. Building: one-story, wood, 12 by 6 m., gable-type roof, construction unknown. This building was a private home.
3. Building: one-story, wood, 13 by 7 m., tin covered gable-type roof. Private home occupied by two families.
4. Building: one-story, wood, 10 by 5 m., roof type and construction unknown. Private home.
5. Building: one-story, wood, eight by five meters, gable roof, construction unknown. Private home.
6. Highway: tamped stone covered, six meters wide, fair condition. Leads south from factory to Zwierzyniec 5036N-2258E and north to Szczepieszyn.
7. Dirt Path: one meter wide, located 10 m. from factory fence Point 38.
8. Garage: one-story, brick, five by four meters, shed-type roof, construction unknown.
9. Gate: three meters high, four meters wide, heavy solid iron, spiked top, double gate opening inward. Used mainly for vehicle entrance.
10. Wooden Door: standard type, 2½ m. high and 1 m. wide, used for employees' entrance.
11. Entrance to Factory Area: employees had to pass through this point to enter the factory area. Armed guards checked all employee's identification passes before entrance was permitted. This point was guarded continuously.
- 11a. Building: two-story, brick, 30 by 10 m., tin covered hipped roof. Building contained factory offices, recreation rooms, dance hall, and small arms room Point 11 used by guards.
12. Building: one-story, brick, 30 by 8 m., tin covered gable-type roof. South wing extended four meters from building, six meters wide, with tin covered shed-type roof. Building was used as laboratory, repair shop, and pine root cutting room. Cutting of pine roots (to approximate size of cigarette) was accomplished in wing of this building. Upon completion of the cutting process, the pieces of pine root were sent to the laboratory (located in main portion of building) for extraction of their fluid substances. After the fluid extraction process, the pine roots were sent to the cellar and burned. The repair shop was used to repair factory equipment.
13. Factory Chimney: steel, 40 m. high, 1 m. in diameter from base to 10 m. height, one-half meter in diameter from 10 m. level to top. Chimney was anchored by four heavy cables. Believed to be chimney for furnace in building Point 12.
14. Three Metal Tanks: 10 m. long, 2 m. in diameter, aluminum or aluminum painted. Contents unknown. Tanks were supported by steel tower, 20 m. high, 10 m. long, 6 m. wide. Tanks were further supported in place by metal sheets. Tower was constructed on concrete base, 30 cm. high.
15. Main Factory Building: two-story brick, 30 by 12 m., tin covered curved roof. Final processing of colophony and turpentine was accomplished in this building. Products were then barreled--turpentine in metal barrels and colophony in wooden barrels.
16. Pipes: led from tanks Point 14 to building Point 15. Constructed of rust-resistant metal, 30 cm. in diameter.
17. Pipes: Same as Point 16.
18. Pipes: Rust-resistant metal, 30 cm. in diameter, led from wall of building Point 12 to wall of building Point 15. Number of pipes unknown. One pipe asbestos-covered.

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ANNEX B (CONT'D)

19. Pipe: material unknown, protruding from wall of building Point 15 into ground. Believed to be steam pipe or steam outlet. Steam was noticed in the vicinity of the pipe at all times.
20. Pipe: material and diameter unknown; led from building Point 15 to tank Point 21.
21. Tank: dimensions unknown, located on top of steel tower, 20 m. high. Tank was surrounded by wooden boards and covered with gable-shaped metal covering.
22. Warehouse: one-story, concrete block, 40 by 12 m., construction and type of roof unknown. Wooden and metal barrels were stacked along warehouse and on loading ramp Point 32. Approximately 50 barrels were noted at one time.
23. Building: one-story, brick, 10 by 6 m., tin covered roof, type unknown. This building was used as a soap factory in 1940 and 1941. At the time of observation building was used as a private home.
24. Building: one-story, stucco-covered wood, eight by eight meters, tin covered gable roof. Utilized as living quarters for factory radio technician.
25. RR Tracks: narrow gauge (90 to 100 cm. wide). Actual direction or number of tracks in this area unknown. Small hand-pushed tank cars similar to Fig. 4, Tab 12, page 367, AIG approximately 1½ to 2 m. long were used on these rails. Similar size flatcars were also observed on these rails.
26. Storage Area: 150 m. by 150 m., used for pine root storage. Pine root piles four meters high were observed in this area.
27. Soldering Shack: brick, four meters high, five meters long, three meters wide, tin covered shed-type roof.
28. Building: three-story, brick, 25 by 10 m., tin covered hipped roof. Used as a private home.
29. Ten Buildings: private homes, dimensions unknown.
30. Guard House: wood, two meters high, one meter long, one meter wide, tar paper covered gable roof. Painted with red and white stripes. One armed guard posted here at all times.
31. Wooden Gate: three meters high, eight meters wide, with three strands of barbed wire on top. Narrow gauge RR tracks led through this gate to loading ramp Point 32.
32. Loading Ramp: 100 m. long, 10 m. wide, 1½ m. high, inclined at both ends and side facing factory, concrete facing on RR side. This ramp was made of tamped earth.
33. RR Station: one-story, wood, 10 by 5 m., tar paper covered gable roof.
34. Rock Pile: crushed rock used to repair roads.
35. RR Track: single track, standard gauge rail with double track through sidings, located between loading ramp Point 32 and rock pile Point 34. Siding approximately 300 m. long. Tracks led NE to Zawada 5043N-2307E; south to Zwierzyniec.
36. Pumping Station: wood, 4½ m. high, 5 m. wide, tar paper covered gable roof. Located 700 m. from factory. Believed to be source of factory water supply.
37. River: 10 m. wide, depth unknown, named Wieprz.
38. Fence: wooden, three meters high, three strands of barbed wire on top. This fence surrounded entire factory area, 300 by 300 m.
39. Door: wooden, 1½ m. high, 1 m. wide, locked or unlocked from inside only.
40. Road: five meters wide, poor condition, under construction at time of observation.
41. Entrance: leading to garage Point 8.
42. Stream: one to three meters wide.
43. Pipe: material and dimensions unknown. Pipe protruded eight inches from ground, horizontally. Hot water flowed from this pipe into a gully located along side of road Point 6. Water ran down the gully a short distance and then emptied into stream Point 42. The water had a turpentine smell.

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